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AMENDMENTS IN THE DRAWINGS:

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In Fig. 1, the cross-section line A-A has been relabeled as cross-section line 3-3.

In Figs. 5 and 6, please add the label – Related Art --.

Appropriate Replacement Sheet(s) for the amended drawings are submitted herewith.

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Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. The Drawings and Specification have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 4-6. These claims will be in condition for allowance upon being amended to independent form.

II. OBJECTIONS TO DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objects to the drawings and specification as improperly identifying the cross-section in Fig. 1. Additionally, Figs. 5-6 are objected to as not including a legend such as -- Prior Art --.

In response, applicants have amended Fig. 1 and the specification to refer more properly to cross-section 3-3. Moreover, applicants have amended Figs. 5-6 to include the label -- Related Art --.

In view of the above changes, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3 AND 7-10 UNDER 35 USC §102(b)

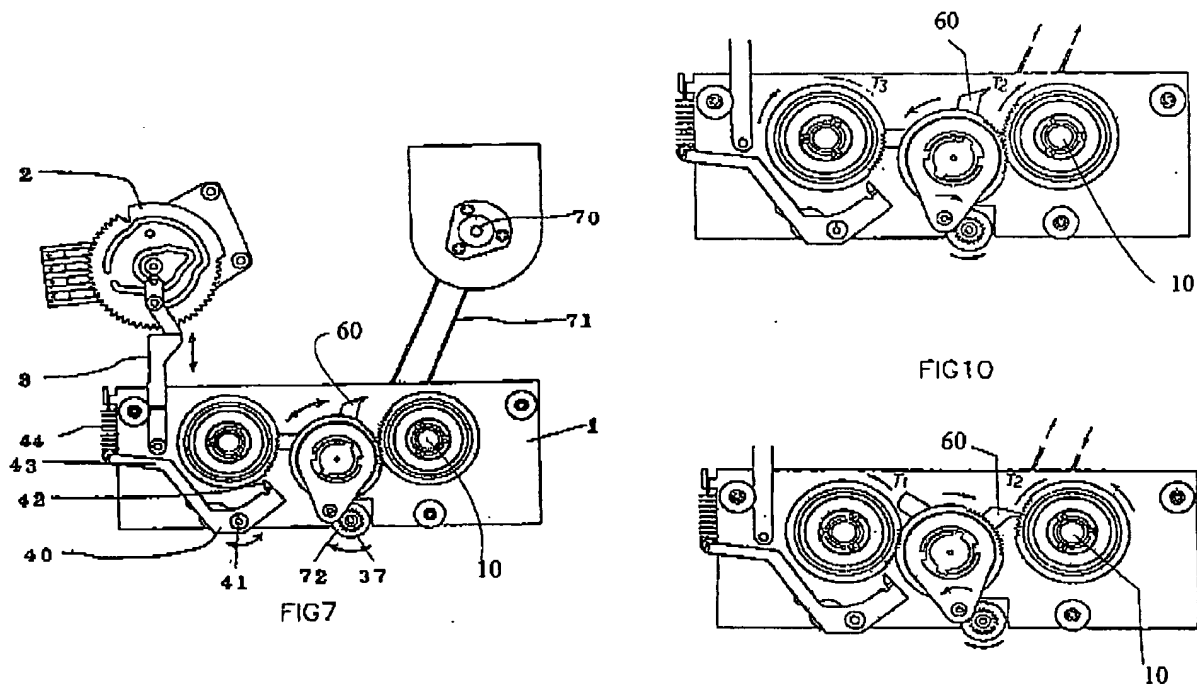
Claims 1-3 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) based on *Chiu et al.* (USP 5,639,042). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Chiu et al.* does not teach or suggest each and every feature of the present invention as defined in claims 1-3 and 7-10. Rather, *Chiu et al.* describes a mechanism similar to the conventional mechanism discussed in the present application in relation to Figs. 5 and 6. The distinctions between the

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present invention and the mechanism described in *Chiu et al.* will become even more apparent based on the following discussion.

Figs. 7, 10 & 11 of *Chiu et al.*

(modified to include labels 10 & 60)

FIG 11

Referring to Figs. 7, 10 and 11 reproduced above, *Chiu et al.* describes a capstan motor 70 which drives a belt 71, which in turn drives a transmission gear 37. (See, e.g., Fig. 7; column 2, lines 53-58). The transmission gear 37 in turn drives a drive gear 36. When the capstan motor 70 runs clockwise as represented in Fig. 11, the clutch tooth 60 engages with the gear 13 (labeled in Fig. 2) of the take-up reel 10 so as to prevent rotation of the take-up reel 10. (See, e.g., column 4, lines 26-34).

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When the capstan motor 70 rotates counter-clockwise as shown in Fig. 10, the clutch tooth 60 disengages the gear 13 of the take-up reel 10 so as to release the take-up reel 10.

Claims 1 and 10 recite, inter alia, a reel stand which rotates in a first direction and a second direction. When the reel stand rotates in a first direction, the claw portion and the convexed and concaved portion contact each other "by a rotation of the reel stand being conveyed to the at least one contact portion".

In *Chiu et al.*, it is not the rotation of the reel stand 10 in a first direction which is conveyed to some type of contact portion so as to cause the clutch tooth 60 to engage the gear 13 of the reel 10 (as shown in Fig. 11). Rather, it is the rotation of the capstan motor 70 which in turn drives the gears 36, 37 and swing arm 31 so as to cause the clutch tooth 60 to engage the reel 10. In other words, it is not the rotation of the reel 10 in *Chiu et al.* that is being conveyed to the clutch tooth 60 in order to cause contact with the reel 10. In this respect, *Chiu et al.* is similar to the conventional art of Figs. 5 and 6 in the present application.

Accordingly, *Chiu et al.* simply does not teach or suggest a reel stand rotates in a first direction such that the claw portion and the convexed and concaved portion contact each other "by a rotation of the reel stand being conveyed to the at least one contact portion" as recited in claims 1 and 10.

Similarly, *Chiu et al.* does not teach that while the reel stand rotates in a second direction, the claw portion is separated from the convexed and concaved portion "by a rotation of the reel stand being conveyed to the at least one contact portion", as recited in claims 1 and 10.

For at least the above reasons, *Chiu et al.* does not teach or suggest a reel driving device as recited in claims 1 and 10. At a result, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 10, and the claims dependent therefrom.

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III. CONCLUSION

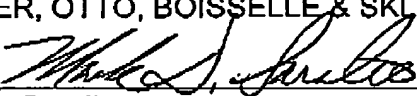
Accordingly, all claims 1-10 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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